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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
9 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**  
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11 DONALD TAYLOR,

12 Petitioner,

13 v.

14 DIRECTOR, NEVADA DEPARTMENT  
15 OF CORRECTIONS, et al.,

16 Respondents.  
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Case No. 2:20-cv-01962-GMN-DJA

**ORDER**

18 Petitioner Donald Taylor has submitted a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to  
19 28 U.S.C. § 2254. ECF No. 1. Previously, the court directed Taylor to file an application to  
20 proceed in forma pauperis to determine whether he is eligible financially for appointment of  
21 counsel. ECF No. 3. Taylor has filed that application. ECF No. 4. The court finds that he is  
22 unable to afford counsel. See 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B). As the court noted previously, Taylor  
23 presents issues of complexity that could benefit from the assistance of counsel. The court will  
24 appoint the Federal Public Defender provisionally to represent him.

25 IT THEREFORE IS ORDERED that the application to proceed in forma pauperis (ECF  
26 No. 4) is **GRANTED**.

27 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that the Federal Public Defender is appointed provisionally  
28 as counsel for petitioner. The Federal Public Defender will have 30 days from the date of entry of

1 this order either to undertake representation of petitioner or to indicate to the court the office's  
2 inability to represent petitioner. If the Federal Public Defender is unable to represent petitioner,  
3 then the court will appoint alternate counsel, subject again to establishment of financial eligibility.  
4 The court will set a deadline for filing of an amended petition or a motion seeking other relief  
5 after counsel has appeared. The court does not signify any implied finding of tolling during any  
6 time period established or any extension granted. Petitioner always remains responsible for  
7 calculating the limitation period of 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1) and timely presenting claims. The  
8 court makes no representation that the petition, any amendments to the petition, and any claims in  
9 the petition or amendments are not subject to dismissal as untimely. See Sossa v. Diaz, 729 F.3d  
10 1225, 1235 (9th Cir. 2013).

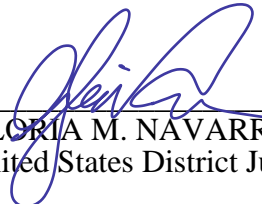
11 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that the clerk add Aaron Ford, Attorney General for the  
12 State of Nevada, as counsel for respondents.

13 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that respondents' counsel must enter a notice of appearance  
14 within twenty-one (21) days of entry of this order, but no further response will be required from  
15 respondents until further order of the court.

16 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that the clerk provide copies of this order and all prior  
17 filings to both the Attorney General and the Federal Public Defender in a manner consistent with  
18 the clerk's current practice, such as regeneration of notices of electronic filing.

19 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that, notwithstanding Local Rule LR IC 2-2(g), paper copies  
20 of any electronically filed exhibits need not be provided to chambers or to the staff attorney,  
21 unless later directed by the court.

22 DATED: December 14, 2020

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25 GLORIA M. NAVARRO  
26 United States District Judge  
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